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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF ICC/LAOS

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A NOTE FROM THE FCO DATED JANU-  
ARY 21 READING AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT. NOTE FROM THE CO-CHAIRMEN TO THE GOVERN-  
MENTS OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE GENEVA  
CONFERENCE ON LAOS 1962.

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF  
LAOS HAS REQUESTED THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE GENEVE CONFER-  
ENCE ON LAOS MF 1962 TO TAKE A DECISION ON THE WINDING UP  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SUPERVISION AND CON-  
TROL IN LAOS (ICC) SINCE IT HAS IN PRACTICE FULFILLED ITS  
TASKS. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUB-  
LIC OF LAOS REQUESTS US TO CONVEY ITS SINCERE GRATITUDE  
TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE COUNTRIES WHICH PARTICIPATED IN  
THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND IN PARTICULAR TO THE COUNTRIES  
BELONGING TO THE COMMISSION AND ALSO TO ITS STAFF FOR THE  
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SUCCESSFUL FULFILLMENT OF ITS INTERNATIONAL MISSION (THE

TEXT OF THE LETTER FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF LAOS IS ATTACHED).

4. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ABOVE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF LAOS AND NOTING THAT THE LAOS ICC HAS RESOLVED TO TERMINATE ITS ACTIVITIES WITH EFFECT FROM 31 DECEMBER 1975 (THE TEXT OF A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE LAOS ICC ON 27 DECEMBER 1975 IS ATTACHED), THE CO-CHAIRMEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 19 OF THE PROTOCOL TO THE DECLARATION ON THE NEUTRALITY OF LAOS, RECOMMEND TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE 1962 GENEVA CONFERENCE THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LAOS ICC SHOULD BE REGARDED AS HAVING TERMINATED ON THAT DATE.

5. THIS RECOMMENDATION WILL BE CONSIDERED ACCEPTED BY THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON 1962 IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE RECEIVED FROM THEM BEFORE 21 FEBRUARY 1976. SIGNED A. GROMYKO AND J. CALLAGHAN. END TEXT.

6. COMMENT: DESPITE THE USE OF THE WORD "TERMINATION," ACCORDING TO FCO DESK OFFICER FOR LAOS, FCO POSITION IS THAT ICC WILL STILL RETAIN SUFFICIENT LEGAL EXISTENCE TO CONTINUE PAYING OFF ITS BILLS, PRESUMABLY IN NEW DELHI.

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